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Comment: The following description of socialist competition in  
 a Brnc foundry gives an indignant criticism of socialist competition  
 as conducted in that particular foundry, and a discussion of the princi-  
 ples of socialist competition in general.

Prague, 2 May -- The workers in the gray cast-iron foundry of the Brno  
 Machine-Building Plants and the Bohumir Smeral Foundry decided to have a real  
 socialist competition. They chose four criteria and awarded points as though  
 they were playing soccer.

The first and main point of the socialist competition is the maintenance  
 of working morale. The base is 100 points. For exemplary working morale it  
 is possible to receive as much as 110 points. The working day is from 0600  
 to 1400 hours. If one works 8 hours a day, he receives 100 points. The  
 second criterion is attendance at work. If someone works 48 hours a week,  
 which is the amount required by law, according to these competition rules this  
 is somewhat more than required. For this, one receives another 100 points.  
 For every extra hour of overtime the number of points increases further. The  
 more hours worked, the more points earned. The adding machine clicks and  
 clicks. If a person goes to work regularly and works 48 hours a week, he re-  
 ceives a total of 200 points.

The third criterion actually concerns production. Every person is al-  
 lowed 7 percent rejects. If he has only that number, he receives 100 points.  
 And what does this amount to altogether? If he works all day, he receives  
 100 points; if he works 48 hours a week, he receives 100 points; if he has  
 7 percent rejects, he receives 100 points. That makes 300 points. That is  
 already quite a lot.

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The competition does not overlook output and norm fulfillment. The fourth and final point of the competition is for molders only. The piecework wage is taken as the base. Whoever fulfills this norm receives 100 points. The number of points increases progressively as this base is exceeded.

An uninformed person reading these lines might think them a discussion of textile ration points, or a report from a bookie. Quite the contrary. This is the way the socialist competition and the best workers in the foundry of the Bohumir Smeral Machine-Building Plant are evaluated.

In the plant this type of competition is considered proper. The number of points achieved determines the best worker, and the number of points indicates his reward. The best molder, for example, received 719 points; the best core worker, 400 points; the best scrubber, 466 points; and the best auxiliary worker, 454 points.

How is it possible to award points for determination, conscientiousness, love for one's country, which the founders have demonstrated by their work? How is it possible to express the working heroism of a founder by a number of points?

"In no capitalist country has creative work received such recognition and honor, or been awarded such glory and significance as in the countries of people's democracy. We have heroes of labor in every field today." Thus writes the periodical of that plant. And in the same breath it recommends awarding points to workers.

There is a difference between a competition in soccer and a socialist competition in a factory. Socialist competition helps to increase production and to make it more efficient. The best worker should exemplify everything which works in that direction. Good working morale alone is not enough; this is the natural duty of every worker. The best worker should excel the others in output. He should impart his experiences to all in order that all the workers may achieve good results. And, finally, his personal characteristics and qualities should be taken into consideration. These include his attitude toward his co-workers, toward the factory, and toward the people's democratic republic.

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